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SUBJECT: JAPANESE SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

REFERENCES: (A) USUN 118; (B) TOKYO 1342

1. JAPANESE MINISTER NISHIDA CALLED ON IO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HELMAN ON FEBRUARY 15 TO ANNOUNCE FORMALLY JAPAN'S CANDIDACY FOR SC SEAT IN 1979-81. NISHIDA BEGAN BY SAYING HE ASSUMED US WOULD FOLLOW ITS TRADITIONAL POSITION OF SUPPORTING THE REGIONAL GROUP CANDIDATE. HELMAN CONFIRMED THIS WAS SO. HE ADDED THAT THE US WOULD BE VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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PLEASED IF JAPAN WERE TO OBTAIN ASIAN GROUP ENDORSEMENT, AND STRESSED THAT ENDORSEMENT BY REGIONAL GROUP MUST PRECEDE THAT OF U.S.

2. ON NAMIBIA, HELMAN ALSO DESCRIBED THE POSITION THE FIVE CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS HAD TAKEN ON PEACEKEEPING COSTS IN ORDER THAT JAPAN, AS A MAJOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTOR,

SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE WESTERN POSITION. HELMAN EXPLAINED THAT SWAPO HAD BEEN CONCERNED THAT BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS MIGHT LIMIT THE SIZE OF A UN OPERATION IN NAMIBIA. THE CONTACT GROUP HAD ASSURED SWAPO THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S JUDGEMENTS ON STRENGTH AND PERSONNEL WOULD BE RESPECTED.

THE CONTACT GROUP ANTICIPATED THAT THE NAMIBIA OPERATION WOULD BE FINANCED BY ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS.

3. FOR TOKYO: YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM JAPANESE OF OUR POSITION ON THEIR SC CANDIDACY ALONG THE ABOVE LINES. SHOULD YOU BE ASKED ABOUT OUR CONSULTATIONS REGARDING A PERMANENT SC SEAT FOR JAPAN, YOU MAY SAY THAT WE HAVE RAISED THIS SUBJECT FORMALLY WITH THE FOUR OTHER PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL. WE HAVE ALSO STUDIED THE PROBLEM OF THE "ENEMY STATES" PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER ANEW FROM LEGAL AND POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS. WE ARE STILL AWAITING AN OVERDUE OFFICIAL RESPONSE FROM THE USSR ON THE ISSUE OF A PERMANENT SC SEAT. WHEN THAT ARRIVES, WE WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE FOR FULL CONSULTATIONS WITH JAPAN ON THE SUBJECT.

4. FYI: WHEN THE SOVIET REPLY COMES, WE PLAN TO INVITE A SENIOR JAPANESE OFFICIAL TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS IN DEPTH THE RESULTS OF OUR CONSULTATIONS AND THE LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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POLITICAL ISSUES INVOLVED. WE HAVE IN PARTICULAR ANALYZED IN CONSIDERABLE LEGAL DEPTH THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS POSED BY ATTEMPTING TO ELIMINATE THE "ENEMY STATES" PROVISIONS, AND WOULD WELCOME AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE OUR ANALYSIS WITH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT. WE WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY VIEWS ON THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO INVITE. TWO GOOD POSSIBILITIES MIGHT BE YOSHIO OKAWA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN OFFICE UN BUREAU, AND HISASHI OWADA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRIME MINISTER (WHO WE RECOGNIZE MIGHT BE UNAVAILABLE). VANCE

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